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Dear FCC Chairman, Kevin Martin

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Sincerely,  
Edna McIntyre  
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445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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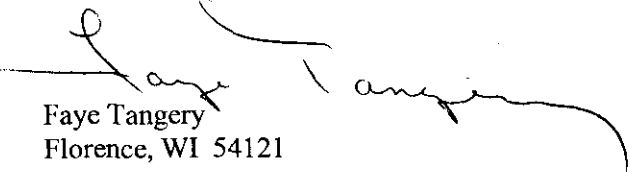
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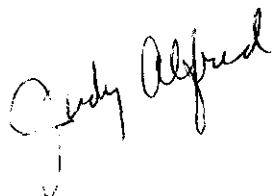
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Sincerely,  
Judy Alfred  
14062 Corliss Ave N  
Seattle WA, 98133

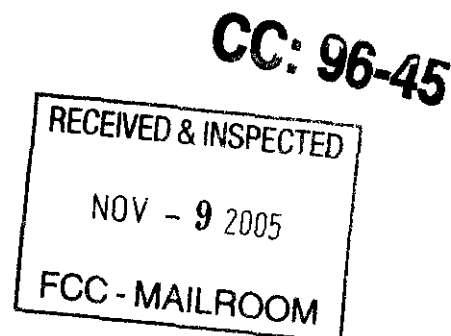


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November 2, 2005

FCC Chairman  
Kevin J. Martin  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Martin:

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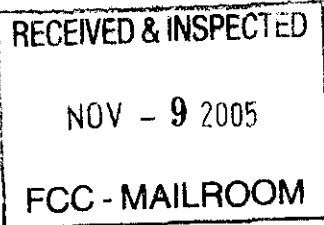
I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I have contacted my Senators and Congressman concerning this issue and have asked their help in stopping this measure to let them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in their constituency.

Sincerely,

*Jolene Hartman*

Mrs. Jolene Hartman  
977 Hayes Ave.  
Tipton, IA 52772

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November 3, 2005

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Federal Communications Commission  
Chairman, Kevin J. Martin  
445 12th St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

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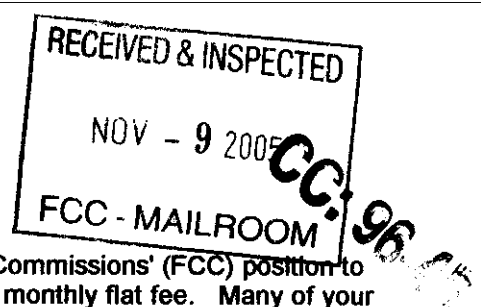
I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and spread the word to my community. I respectfully request you reconsider how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those least able to afford it.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

Arleen Mendicino  
800 N. Main St., Apt. F8  
Williamstown, NJ 08094

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**Michael Darche**

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November 01, 2005 10:30 PM

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Chairman Kevin J. Martin

445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW

Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

I have serious concerns regarding your position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. I, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by you.

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Thank you for your time.

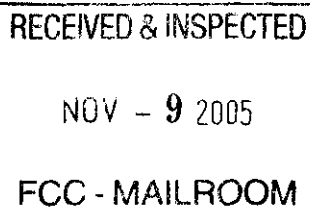
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Chairman Kevin J Martin  
FCC  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Washington, DC



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Dear Chairman Martin,

The considered action by the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee causes me great concern. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

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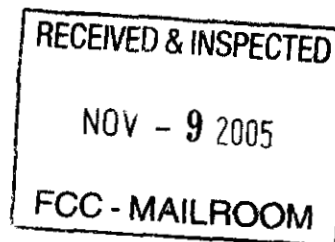
Respectfully,

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**Darlene Geist**

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Cc: Senators Arlen Specter, John Murtha, Rick Santorum

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FCC, Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
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Subject: Universal Service Fund

I have serious concerns regarding your position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. I, my family, friends and neighbors will be hurt by this unfair change. This would also be an un-legislated tax. I have contacted my congressmen and urged them to take action to prevent this change in fee collection.

People who use long distance the most should pay more into it. If the system is changed to a flat fee, someone who uses long distance hundreds of minutes a month would pay the same amount into the fund as I, a retiree, who uses very little long distance each month because I am trying to save money. I should not be penalized for this.

I suggest that you take another look at all of the people who would be hurt by this change in collection method and drop the idea quickly and completely.

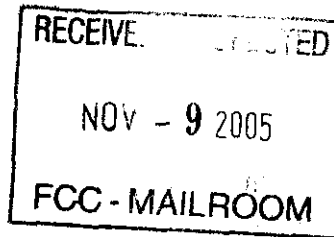
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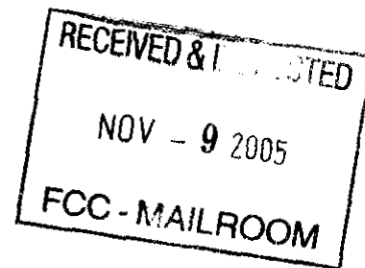
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Sincerely,



cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

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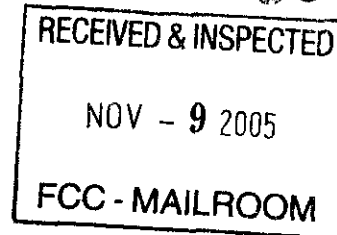
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November 2, 2005

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Washington, DC, 20554  
ATTN: Chairman Kevin J Martin

**CC: 96-45**



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Mr. Martin:

I have sent the following comments to my elected officials to let them know that I strongly oppose your proposed flat tax rate change for the Universal Service Fund. This change, if enacted, will eliminate phone service for a large percentage of the US population, and ultimately lose a lot of business for the affected phone service providers. This is not a wise move.

"I have serious concerns regarding the Federal Communications Commissions' (FCC) position to change the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection method to a monthly flat fee. Many of your constituents, including me, my friends, family and neighbors, will be negatively impacted by the unfair change proposed by the FCC.

As you know, USF is currently collected on a revenue basis. People who use more pay more into the system. If the FCC changes that system to a flat fee, that means that someone who uses one thousand minutes a month of long distance, pays the same amount into the fund as someone who uses zero minutes of long distance a month. Constituents who use their limited resources wisely should not be penalized for doing so.

A flat fee tax could cause many low-volume long distance users, like students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers, to give up their phones due to unaffordable monthly increases on their bills. Shifting the funding burden of the USF from high volume to low-volume users is radical and unnecessary. In addition, it would have a highly detrimental effect on small businesses all across America.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition, of which I am a member, keeps me informed about the USF issue with monthly newsletters and up to date information on their website, including links to FCC information. While I am aware that federal law does not require companies to recover, or "pass along" these fees to their customers, the reality is that they do. As a consumer I would like to ensure I am charged fairly. If the FCC goes to a numbers taxed, my service will cost more. And according to the Coalition's recent meetings with top FCC officials, the FCC has plans to change to a flat fee system soon and without legislation.


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I will continue to monitor developments on the issue and continue to spread the word to my community. I request you pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know how a flat fee tax could disproportionately affect those in your constituency.

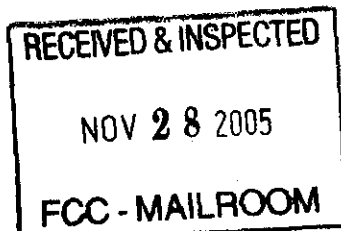
Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter."

Please reconsider the effects this change will have.

Thank you,

  
John R. Weed





**Newton J. Bell V**

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November 12, 2005 02:44 PM

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.  
Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

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Senator Richard Shelby  
Representative Terry Everett  
Senator Jeff Sessions

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